irrigation purposes? For that reason, I would like to know from the Minister whether the Government would consider giving diesel agencies to the farmers in the rural areas? If so, what is the progress in that direction?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Conversion of Rajkot-Veraval rail line

*26. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government had forwarded a proposal to the Central Government for conversion of Rajkot-Veraval Metre-guage line into Broad-guage and its extension upto Kodinar;

(b) whether the State Government had stressed that in view of the location of important industrial projects around Veraval-Junagadh area, the proposal is economically viable;

(c) whether the Planning Commission had also cleared this project for inclusion in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether Railways have cleared the proposal;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have not accepted the proposal of extension upto Kodinar;

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor: and

(g) by when the project is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (g) The proposal is under active consideration of the Government.

Tuition Fees Charged by Private Medical Colleges

*27. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of private medical and dental colleges in different States; and

(b) what are the details of annual tuition fees and its calculation method in each State?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Private Colleges

	MEDICAL		DENTAL	
	Recogn.	Unrecogn.	Recogn.	Unrecogn.
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	1	—	—	5
Bihar	—	1	1	13
Delhi	—	—	—	2
Gujarat	—	1	—	1
Haryana	—	—	1	1
Himachal Pradesh	—	—	—	1
J & K	—	1	—	—
Karnataka	13	1	10	31
Maharashtra	5	11	—	11
Pondicherry	—	—	—	1
Punjab	2	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5
Rajasthan	—	—	—	7
Tamil Nadu	4	—	2	—
West Bengal	—	—	—	1
Total:	25	15	14	74

(b) In their judgement dated 4.2.1993 in Unnikrishnan's case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court directed *inter-alia* that every State Govt. shall constitute a committee to fix the ceiling on the fees chargeable by a professional college. Accordingly, the committees set up by the Governments of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu recommended the following fee structure:—

Maharashtra	Rs. 1,71,500/- per annum
Karnataka	Rs. 65,000 to 85,000/- per annum
Tamil Nadu	Rs. 1,58,000/- per annum

As there was no uniformity in the fee structure in different States, the Hon'ble Supreme Court modified its earlier order and determined the following fee structure for private medical/dental colleges vide its order dated 7.10.1993.

Medical Colleges

1. Colleges having their own hospital facilities	Rs. 1,40,000/- per annum
2. Colleges partly utilising the facilities of Govt. hospital and partly their own	Rs. 1,20,000/- per annum
3. Colleges who do not have their own hospital but depend entirely on the Govt. hospital for training students.	Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum

Dental Colleges

1. Colleges having their own hospital facilities	Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum
2. Colleges availing of Govt. hospital facilities	Rs. 90,000/- per annum

The Court has further directed that the above fee structure is only a tentative fixation subject to adjustment on regular determination of fee structure by the Central Govt. and/or Central Councils concerned.

Direct link between Ahmedabad-Delhi via Mehsana

*28. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring Gandhinagar station in Gujarat State on the Ahmedabad-Delhi (via-Mehsana) line for its direct link with New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is the decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

The Railway has taken up an appraisal survey to determine the cost and traffic potential of the proposed link line.

India's Proposals to Pakistan to Ensure Peace

*29. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have submitted a number of proposals to Pakistan which include disengagement in the Siachen area ensuring peace along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether all these proposals were